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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 16, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2001-00257

To consolidate its Lee  
Exchange into its Cumberland  
Gap Exchange

FINAL ORDER

On December 17, 2001, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia" or the "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") seeking authority to consolidate its Lee Exchange into its Cumberland Gap Exchange. Telephone customers in the Lee Exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to Middlesboro, Kentucky, and to the Tennessee exchanges of Cumberland Gap, Fork Ridge, Sharpe's Chapel, and New Tazewell. The Commission Staff advised the Lee Rate Exchange petitioners that neither the Kentucky nor the Tennessee regulatory agencies had a process for handling proposals for extended local calling areas and that two-way extended local service was not a viable plan. The Commission Staff developed with the Company an alternative local calling plan for Lee Rate Exchange customers. The alternative

local calling plan resulted in the proposed consolidation of exchanges.

By Order dated April 2, 2002, the Commission directed Verizon Virginia to provide direct mail notice to each customer in the Lee and Cumberland Gap exchanges whose service would be consolidated into its Cumberland Gap Exchange. Affected telephone customers were given until May 22, 2002, to file comments or requests for hearing on the proposal. Three comments in support of the proposed consolidation were received. No other comments or requests for hearing were received. On April 26, 2002, Verizon Virginia filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's April 2, 2002, Order.

On May 29, 2002, the Commission Staff submitted its report recommending approval of the Company's application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The proposed consolidation of Verizon Virginia's Lee Exchange into its Cumberland Gap Exchange shall be implemented.
- (2) Verizon Virginia shall file tariff revisions necessary for the proposed consolidation of local service.
- (3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed, and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.